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SUBJECT: Guidelines for the Dispensing of Drugs to Outpatients
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This issuance sets forth the guidelines for the dispensing of drugs to outpatients and discharged patients.

GUIDELINES

1. No more than a three-months' supply of medication will be provided. Investigational drugs that are unavailable through normal community pharmacy sources will continue to be dispensed.
2. Providing medications for preexisting disease unrelated to studies or for incidental problems is discouraged. No more than a seven day supply of such medications will be dispensed at any time.

PROCEDURES

When prescribing discharge or outpatient medications, the physician shall enter the order into the MIS.

EXCEPTIONS

Where exceptions to these guidelines are deemed necessary, the physician is required to contact the pharmacy and discuss special arrangements.